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WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

In 2009, Governor Gibbons appointed two new physician members and one new public member to the Board of Medical Examiners. The physician members are Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., a practicing cardiologist in Reno, and Michael J. Fischer, M.D., a practicing ophthalmologist in Carson City. They replace outgoing physician members, cardiologist Sohail U. Anjum, M.D. and general surgeon S. Daniel McBride, M.D. The new public member is Valerie J. Clark, BSN, RHU, LUTCF. Ms. Clark is President of Clark and Associates of Nevada, Inc., and was also a licensed registered nurse before moving to Nevada in 1993. The Board welcomes these new members and wishes to thank the outgoing members for their service to the citizens of the state of Nevada.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS – HOW DO YOU DELEGATE?

The discussion over the use of medical assistants that frequented the news for a period last fall resulted in an October 6, 2009 statement from the President of the Board, Dr. Charles N. Held, reassuring delegating practitioners that the Board had returned to the interpretations and policies that guided our licensees for decades, as long as the conditions in Nevada Administrative Code 630.230 were met. The Board has subsequently pursued the regulatory process to further amplify and clarify how to delegate and how to supervise a medical assistant. On March 16, 2010, a public hearing was held in Reno and videoconferenced to Henderson, where testimony was taken from interested parties. So what is next?

The Board will consider adoption of the proposed regulation after reviewing the oral and written testimony at either the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 11, 2010, or at a special Board meeting called prior to June 11. Notice will be given in accordance with the Open Meeting Law to ensure that any interested parties may attend. Further, written testimony may be submitted to the Board up to April 15, 2010. The October 6 statement from the President, and a copy of the proposed regulation, may be found on the Board's website at www.medboard.nv.gov. The statement is under Public Information, Press Releases/Statements, and the proposed regulation may be found under Public Information, Regulations-Workshops/Public Hearings.

BOARD APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On March 12, 2010, the Board of Medical Examiners appointed Douglas C. Cooper, CMBI, of Carson City, as Executive Director of the Board. Mr. Cooper has been with the Board since 2001, and served as the Board's Chief of Investigations from 2002 until October 2009, when he was appointed Interim Executive Director. He is the first Certified Medical Board Investigator (CMBI) in the Federation of State Medical Boards to be appointed an Executive Director. Doug can be reached at (775) 688-2559 or (888) 890-8210, ext. 241.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE STATS

Investigative Committee A, Year to Date

Total Cases Considered	194
Total Cases Authorized for Filing of Formal Complaint (to be Published)	3
Total Cases Authorized for Peer Review	3
Total Cases Requiring an Appearance	8
Total Cases Authorized for a Letter of Concern	29
Total Cases Authorized for Further Follow-up or Investigation	3
Total Cases Reviewed for Compliance	1
Total Cases Authorized for Closure	147

Investigative Committee B, Year to Date

Total Cases Considered	163
Total Cases Authorized for Filing of Formal Complaint (to be Published)	2
Total Cases Authorized for Peer Review	3
Total Cases Requiring an Appearance	5
Total Cases Authorized for a Letter of Concern	41
Total Cases Authorized for Further Follow-up or Investigation	1
Total Cases Reviewed for Compliance	0
Total Cases Authorized for Closure	111

CHANGES TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES

Several bills passed during the 2009 Legislative Session resulted in multiple changes to the Medical Practice Act, NRS Chapter 630, too numerous to list here. These changes have been recently codified and you can now download a copy of Chapter 630 at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-630.html>, or from the Board's website at www.medboard.nv.gov.

Changes were also made to NRS Chapter 629 regarding the retention of records. Healthcare providers must now retain the records of minor patients until the age of 23 and records may then only be destroyed if they have been retained for at least 5 years. The current version of Chapter 629 may be downloaded at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-629.html>, or from the Board's website at www.medboard.nv.gov.

Other additions and amendments that affect healthcare providers were also passed. Of particular note is NRS 449.442, which requires the office of a physician to obtain a permit from the Nevada State Health Division prior to offering a patient anesthesia services including general anesthesia, conscious sedation or deep sedation. This permit must be obtained on or before October 1, 2010. For more information, please contact the Nevada State Health Division at (775) 684-4200.

LICENSING STATS

For the year to date, the Board has granted the following total licenses:

- 71 physician licenses
- 4 limited licenses for residency training
- 19 physician assistant licenses
- 13 practitioner of respiratory care licenses

WHOM TO CALL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Management: Douglas C. Cooper, CMBI, Executive Director
Edward O. Cousineau, J.D., Deputy Executive Director
Administration: Laurie L. Munson, Chief
Investigations: Pamela J. Castagnola, Interim Chief
Legal: Lyn E. Beggs, J.D., General Counsel
Licensing: Lynnette L. Daniels, Chief

EDUCATING PROVIDERS & PATIENTS ABOUT SAFE INJECTION PRACTICES

NEVADA NAMED PILOT SITE FOR NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

If you or your staff routinely provide injections or administer IVs, your patients may soon be asking some critical questions. Included in this article is a link to a brief survey about a new campaign targeted at providers and patients to promote safe injection practices. The Nevada State Health Division (NSHD) has partnered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Safe Injection Practices Coalition (SIPC) to pilot the campaign to promote greater adherence to basic infection control procedures when health care providers administer any type of injection. Please take a moment to complete the survey available for viewing at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/safeinjectionevaluationprovider. If you are interested in participating in a focus group to share your opinions, please contact the evaluation team at (702) 895-1121.

A 9-month, federally-funded project will evaluate informational materials developed by the SIPC as part of its “One and Only” campaign to educate providers and patients that it is never appropriate to reuse a needle or syringe from one patient to another, to access an intravenous infusion bag with a used syringe, or to misuse single-dose or multi-dose vials. A national initiative to promote the use of “One Needle, One Syringe and Only One Time” will be conducted following the pilot project. The two pilot sites (Nevada and New York) are states where serious outbreaks related to unsafe injection practices have occurred.

In the U.S., in the past decade, over 30 outbreaks of infectious diseases, including hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV), were traced to unsafe injection practices. In fact, the SIPC estimates that more than 100,000 people in the U.S. have been asked to get tested for HBV and HCV in the past ten years, following exposure to unsafe injection practices.

This project was implemented to raise awareness of the critical need for safe injection practices among both health care providers and patients. It is believed that, grounded in knowledge about safe injection practices, patients will be able to have a frank discussion with their providers regarding an important issue that affects their own health.

The fundamental mission of the “One and Only” campaign is to ensure that the transmission of bloodborne pathogens through unsafe injection practices becomes what is aptly called a “Never Event.” For more information, please visit www.oneandonlycampaign.org.

HIPAA SURVEY

You may soon have an opportunity to let your experiences and impressions of HIPAA regulations be known. The Nevada Center for Ethics & Health Policy at the University of Nevada, Reno will be sending a survey to a random sample of Nevada physicians *collecting information about their experiences with HIPAA's privacy regulations*. Little has been collected since HIPAA was implemented almost 14 years ago, so *it is time to find out how it is working for physicians and the treatment of their patients*.

This is a confidential survey. Names or other identifying information will not be collected and the data will not be shared with any entity beyond NCEHP. Aggregate results will eventually be published and provided to policy makers.

The Board of Medical Examiners will not have access to this data. The only purpose of the Board's encouragement is to help collect honest accounts of HIPAA experience. The collected data may or may not suggest changes to be considered, but this will not be able to be determined unless physicians candidly complete the 10-minute online or paper survey.

In about a week, randomly selected physicians will receive a notification postcard at their practice site. The actual survey packet will follow about a week later. **Please notify your office staff to watch for and provide you with both the postcard and survey.**

Remember, the only way positive change to HIPAA policy can occur is with clear evidence that change is necessary. Please complete your survey when it arrives.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board frequently sends out important correspondence to licensees either by first class mail or by certified mail. It is of the utmost importance that you receive and read any Board correspondence in a timely manner. Unfortunately, we have had several reports recently of licensees refusing mail or claiming to not have read Board correspondence for extended periods of time. As a licensee you have a duty to read and appropriately respond to all Board correspondence. This is not optional, and failure to do so may lead to unwanted and unnecessary problems. Please be sure to review and reply to all Board correspondence as soon as possible.

NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Due to recent changes to the Medical Practice Act from the 2009 Legislative Session, licensees must now report in writing, within 30 days, any criminal action taken or conviction obtained against them, other than a minor traffic violation, in this state or any other state, or by the Federal Government, a branch of the Armed Forces, or a foreign country (NRS 630.306(12)).

For further information on this, or any other reporting requirement, please contact the legal division at the offices of the Board.

DUTY TO REPORT

Many licensees are unaware of their duty to report certain occurrences to the Board in a timely manner; however, failure to make these reports can be grounds for disciplinary actions to be initiated against a licensee. Below is a reminder of those events that must be reported to the Board.

- Change of permanent mailing address – this must be reported within 30 days after the change and must be in writing and signed by the licensee.
- Change of office location – must be reported in writing prior to beginning practice in the new location.
- Closure of a practice – must be reported in writing within 14 days of closure.
- Filing of an action for malpractice against a physician – must be reported within 45 days after the physician receives service of a summons and complaint.
- Any claim for malpractice against a physician submitted to arbitration or mediation – must be reported within 45 days of the claim being submitted to arbitration or mediation.
- Any settlement, award, judgment or other disposition of any action or malpractice claim – must be reported within 45 days after the settlement, award, judgment or other disposition.
- Any sanctions imposed against a physician reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank – must be reported within 45 days of imposition of the sanctions.

BACK UP YOUR ELECTRONIC RECORDS

Recent health care records requests by the Board to licensees have brought to light the fact that electronic records may be inadvertently lost or destroyed due to circumstances beyond a licensee's control. Nevada Revised Statute 629.051 requires health care records to be maintained for 5 years after their receipt or production, and further, it also allows that, "[h]ealth care records may be retained in written form, or by microfilm or any other recognized form of size reduction, including, without limitation, microfiche, computer disc, magnetic tape and optical disc." The Board reminds its licensees that those choosing to maintain their health care records in electronic form should ensure that protocols, i.e., back-up discs, etc., are used to prevent loss and to ensure compliance with statutory mandates. Please contact the Board if you have further questions regarding the statutory requirements.

LICENSING CORNER

ABMS CERTIFICATION

If you are a medical doctor and have recently certified in a primary specialty of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), certified in a sub-specialty of the ABMS or recertified in a primary or sub-specialty of the ABMS, please fax a copy of the certificate or information related to the certification to (775) 688-2551, so we can update your information in our database.

CALLING ALL PERFUSIONISTS!

The 2009 Nevada State Legislature passed legislation (NRS 630.269 through 630.2696) that all perfusionists must now be licensed with the Board of Medical Examiners to practice as a perfusionist in the state of Nevada. Perfusionists currently practicing in the state must become licensed by June 30, 2010, in order to continue to practice. Applications for licensure can be downloaded from the Board's website, at www.medboard.nv.gov. Please contact the Licensing Division of the Board for further information, at (775) 688-2559 or (888) 890-8210.

If you know a perfusionist, please remind him or her!

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

NAC 630.153 Continuing education: General requirements

"Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NAC 630.157, each holder of a license to practice medicine shall, at the time of the biennial registration, submit to the Board by the final date set by the Board for submitting applications for biennial registration evidence, in such form as the Board requires, that he has completed 40 hours of continuing medical education during the preceding 2 years in one or more educational programs, 2 hours of which must be in medical ethics and 20 hours of which must be in the scope of practice or specialty of the holder of the license" [Emphasis added.] Continuing medical education credits in ethics must be readily identifiable!

SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND COLLABORATION WITH ADVANCED PRACTITIONERS OF NURSING

Pursuant to NAC 630.360 (4), "A physician assistant shall notify the Board in writing within 72 hours after any change relating to his supervising physician."

If you are a physician assistant and you have ceased working with a physician, you are required to submit notification of this change to the Board. Please contact the Board at (775) 688-2559 or (888) 890-8210 and ask for the Licensing Support Specialist to confirm that your supervising physician information is CURRENT. Please fax changes regarding your supervising physician to (775) 688-2551.

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Pursuant to NAC 630.490(5), "A collaborating physician shall immediately notify the Board of the termination of collaboration between the collaborating physician and an advanced practitioner of nursing."

Physicians: Please contact the Board at (775) 688-2559 or (888) 890-8210 and ask for the Licensing Support Specialist to confirm that your collaboration information is CURRENT. If you have ceased collaboration with an APN, you are required to submit notification of this change. Please fax changes regarding your collaboration with an advanced practitioner of nursing to (775) 688-2551.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

DISCIPLINE IMPOSED BY STIPULATION OR BY HEARING

ADRIAN, Adrian, M.D. (11437) Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Stayed revocation of Dr. Adrian's medical license in California.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken by another state against his medical license].

Disposition: On August 7, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Adrian guilty of violating NRS 630.301(3) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) will not maintain any degree of ownership in a medical practice, will not practice solo in a clinical setting and will not perform medical billing on his own and will utilize a medical billing company where necessary for a period of at least 3 years; (3) will not perform cosmetic medical procedures for a period of 5 years; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

AJAYI, Adekundle, M.D. (10724) Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Malpractice related to Dr. Ajayi's care of a patient.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(4) [failure to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient].

Disposition: On August 7, 2009, the Board found Dr. Ajayi guilty of violating NRS 630.301(4) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

ALBRIGHT, Janet, M.D. (7180) Reno, Nevada

Summary: Malpractice related to Dr. Albright's care of a patient.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(4) [failure to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient].

Disposition: On August 7, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Albright guilty of violating NRS 630.301(4) and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) public reprimand; (2) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

ANSAR, Azber, M.D. (10094) St. Paul, Minnesota

Summary: Stayed revocation of Dr. Ansar's medical license in California.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken by another state against his medical license].

Disposition: On November 6, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Ansar guilty of violating NRS 630.301(3) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) fine of \$500; (2) public reprimand; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

BELL, Timothy, M.D. (9286) Long Beach, California

Summary: Letter of Admonition from the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners related to Dr. Bell's treatment of a patient.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken by another state against his medical license].

Disposition: On March 5, 2010, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Bell guilty of violating NRS 630.301(3) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

BENES, Vanessa, P.A.-C (580) Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Malpractice related to Ms. Benes' care of a patient.

Charges: Two counts of violation of NAC 630.380(1)(f) [malpractice in the performance of medical services].

Disposition: On August 7, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Ms. Benes guilty of violating NAC 630.380(1)(f) and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) public reprimand; (2) 6 hours CME in her focus of practice; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

CARRERA, Eladio, M.D. (5165) Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Malpractice and other Medical Practice Act violations related to Dr. Carrera's treatment of three patients.

Charges: Three counts of violation of NRS 630.301(4) [failure to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient]; three counts of violation of NRS 630.301(7) [engaging in conduct that violates the trust of a patient and exploits the relationship between the physician and the patient for financial or other personal gain]; three counts of violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute]; one count of violation of NRS 630.306(7) [continual failure to exercise the skill or diligence or use the methods ordinarily exercised under the same circumstances by physicians in good standing practicing in the same specialty or field].

Disposition: On July 1, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Carrera guilty of violating NRS 630.301(9) (3 counts) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) 24 months' probation; (2)

public reprimand; (3) fine of \$5,000 per count, for a total of \$15,000; (4) during probation, he will not participate in any practice of gastroenterology without an appropriate level of control regarding practices and policies which affect patients; (5) he shall testify as a fact witness at Board disciplinary hearings pertaining to the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada; (6) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

COOK, Albert, M.D. (3244)
Murrieta, California

Summary: Stayed revocation of Dr. Cook's medical license in California.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken by another state against his medical license].

Disposition: On May 8, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Cook guilty of violating NRS 630.301(3) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) stayed revocation of license contingent upon Dr. Cook's compliance with terms of probation in Nevada and in California; (2) public reprimand; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

EDEN, Troy, P.A.-C (PA1026)
Elko, Nevada

Summary: Signed sheets of multiple prescription forms which were left blank.

Charges: One count of violation of NAC 630.380(1)(m) and NRS 630.304(4) [signing a blank prescription form].

Disposition: On November 6, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Mr. Eden guilty of violating NAC 630.380(1)(m) and NRS 630.304(4) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) fine of \$1,000; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

ERMOCILLA, Carlos, M.D. (11167)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Malpractice related to Dr. Ermocilla's care of a patient.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(4) [failure to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient].

Disposition: On August 7, 2009, the Board found Dr. Ermocilla guilty of violating NRS 630.301(4) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

FOOTE, Ronald, M.D. (9240)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Failure to disclose required information concerning certain arrests during the initial application or renewal of licensure process.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.304(1) [obtaining, maintaining or renewing or attempting to obtain, maintain or renew a license to practice medicine by bribery, fraud or misrepresentation or by any false, misleading, inaccurate or incomplete statement].

Disposition: On August 7, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Foote guilty of violating NRS 630.304(1) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) suspension of license for one year, stayed contingent upon Dr. Foote obeying all laws and regulations during the term of his stayed suspension; (2) public reprimand; (3) fine of \$2,500; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs.

GOODRUM, Aaron, M.D. (11874)
Tampa, Florida

Summary: Pled guilty to felonies of false imprisonment and battery in Florida. The Florida Medical Board filed an action against Dr. Goodrum and subsequently entered into a settlement agreement with Dr. Goodrum, The Missouri Medical Board

revoked Dr. Goodrum's license based upon the action taken against his license in Florida.

Charges: Two counts of violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken by another state against his medical license].

Disposition: On August 7, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Goodrum guilty of violating NRS 630.301(3) (2 counts) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) fine of \$500; (2) compliance with terms of settlement agreement in Florida; (3) if Dr. Goodrum decides to practice medicine in Nevada, he will participate in a Diversion program; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

HAMILTON, Timothy T., M.D. (12249)
Henderson, Nevada

Summary: Administrative penalty imposed on Dr. Hamilton by Texas Medical Board.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken by another state against his medical license].

Disposition: On March 5, 2010, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Hamilton guilty of violating NRS 630.301(3) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) fine of \$1,000; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

HANDSFIELD, Rodney, M.D. (5354)
Wichita, Kansas

Summary: Consent Agreement with Kansas Board of Healing Arts which imposed a fine against him and required him to complete a course on professional boundaries and anger management.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken by another state against his medical license].

Disposition: On August 7, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr.

Handsfield guilty of violating NRS 630.301(3) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) fine of \$1,000; (2) public reprimand; (3) compliance with terms of the Kansas Board of Healing Arts Consent Order effective 2/16/07; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

IMTIAZ, Farrukh, M.D. (9523)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Malpractice related to Dr. Imtiaz's care of a patient.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(4) [failure to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient].

Disposition: On August 7, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Imtiaz guilty of violating NRS 630.301(4) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) fine of \$500; (2) 6 hours of CME in his specialty of practice; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

JAIN, Anamika, M.D. (11020)

Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania

Summary: Allowed an unlicensed person to perform preoperative examinations and make diagnoses and determination of patient candidacy, which constitutes the practice of medicine; delegated responsibility for care of patients to a person who was not qualified to do so; failure to provide adequate supervision to medical technicians who assisted in the care of patients.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.305(1)(e) [aiding, assisting, employing or advising, directly or indirectly, any unlicensed person to engage in the practice of medicine]; one count of violation of NRS 630.305(1)(f) [delegating responsibility for the care of a patient to a person if the licensee knows, or has reason to know, that the person is not qualified to undertake that responsibility]; one count of violation of NAC 630.230(1)(i) and

NRS 630.306(2)(b) [failure to provide adequate supervision of a medical assistant who is employed or supervised by the physician]; one count of violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute].

Disposition: On May 8, 2009, the Board found Dr. Jain guilty of violating NAC 630.230(1)(i) and NRS 630.306(2)(b) and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) suspension of license for 1 year, beginning on the date of the original temporary injunction; (2) 3 years' probation, during which she practice only in her specialty; (3) public reprimand; (4) completion of a course in medical ethics; (5) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

KIRMANI, Muzaffar, M.D. (6937)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Failure to properly maintain medical records related to a patient.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.3062(1) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records].

Disposition: On March 5, 2010, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Kirmani guilty of violating NRS 630.3062(1) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) 10 hours CME regarding the subject of medical record keeping; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

LINDEN, David E., M.D. (11398)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Order to show cause for failure to comply with the Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement entered into with the Board on November 30, 2007.

Disposition: On May 8, 2009, the Board found that Dr. Linden had failed to comply with the terms of the November 30, 2007 Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement and ordered that Dr. Linden's probation be extended for an additional 24 months.

LYONS, Colleen, M.D. (5698)

Carson City, Nevada

Summary: Malpractice related to Dr. Lyons' care of a patient.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(4) [failure to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient].

Disposition: On March 5, 2010, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Lyons guilty of violating NRS 630.301(4) and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

MAHAKIAN, Charles, M.D. (5441)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Prescribed multiple medications to a patient with whom he did not have a bona fide therapeutic relationship.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.306(2)(c) [engaging in conduct which is in violation of a regulation adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy]; one count of violation of NRS 630.3062(1) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records].

Disposition: On November 6, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Mahakian guilty of violating NRS 630.306(2)(c) and NRS 630.3062(1) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) fine of \$3,000; (2) public reprimand; (3) completion of CME course on the topic of ethics; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

MONDELL, Dean, M.D. (6521)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Malpractice related to Dr. Mondell's care of a patient.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(4) [failure to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient]; one count of violation of NRS

630.3062(1) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records].

Disposition: On November 6, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Mondell guilty of violating NRS 630.3062(1) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) 8 hours of CME; (2) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

**MONROE, Maribel, M.D. (8642)
Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Malpractice related to Dr. Monroe's care of a patient.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(4) [failure to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient].

Disposition: On August 7, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Monroe guilty of violating NRS 630.301(4) and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) public reprimand; (2) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

**OKOH, James, M.D. (12208)
Eden Prairie, Minnesota**

Summary: Entered into settlement Agreement containing multiple terms with Florida Dept. of Health.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken by another state against his medical license].

Disposition: On March 5, 2010, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Okoh guilty of violating NRS 630.301(3) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) fine of \$2,000; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

**ROSS, Douglas, M.D. (9436)
Henderson, Nevada**

Summary: Malpractice related to Dr. Ross' care of a patient.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(4) [failure to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient].

Disposition: On August 7, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Ross guilty of violating NRS 630.3062(1) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) 12 hours CME on the subject of medical record keeping and/or documentation; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

**SELDON, Stephen, M.D. (7343)
Henderson, Nevada**

Summary: Conviction of a felony related to the practice of medicine.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(1) [conviction of a felony related to the practice of medicine or the ability to practice medicine]; one count of violation of NRS 630.301(11)(f) [conviction of a violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of a controlled substance]; one count of violation of NRS 630.306(7) [continual failure to exercise the skill or diligence or use the methods ordinarily exercised under the same circumstances by physicians in good standing practicing in the same specialty or field].

Disposition: On December 1, 2008, the Board entered a summary suspension of Dr. Seldon's license to practice medicine pending a hearing on the complaint filed against him by the Board. On May 8, 2009, the Board found Dr. Seldon guilty of violating NRS 630.301(1), NRS 630.301(11)(f) and NRS 630.306(7) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) revocation of license; (2) fine of \$5,000 per count, for a total of \$15,000; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

**SKOGERSON, Kent, M.D. (5737)
Carson City, Nevada**

Summary: Malpractice related to Dr. Skogerson's care of a patient.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(4) [failure to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient].

Disposition: On March 5, 2010, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Skogerson guilty of violating NRS 630.301(4) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) fine of \$2,000; (2) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

**SU, Sean Phong-Quoc, M.D. (9013)
Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Malpractice related to Dr. Su's care of two patients; lack of cooperation with a lawful investigation being conducted by the Board and production to Board staff of documents and evidence that appeared not to be authentic, original or accurate; operating Skin Body Institute as a potentially unlicensed ambulatory surgical center necessitating a Cease and Desist Order from the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance.

Charges: Three counts of violation of NRS 630.301(4) [failure to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient]; one count of violation of NRS 630.3062(1) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records]; one count of violation of NRS 630.306(2)(a) [engaging in conduct which is intended to deceive]; one count of violation of NRS 630.301(7) [engaging in conduct that violates the trust of a patient and exploits the relationship between the physician and the patient for financial or other personal gain]; one count of violation of NRS 630.301(8) [failure to offer appropriate procedures or studies when the failure occurs with the intent of positively influencing the financial well-being of the practitioner].

Disposition: On July 27, 2009, the Investigative Committee summarily suspended Dr. Su's license until further order of the Investigative Committee. On September 9, 2009, Dr. Su and the Investigative Committee stipulated and agreed as follows: Dr. Su would not perform cosmetic surgery until the case was resolved by Order of the Board and until that time, Dr. Su would limit his practice to family medicine; the summary suspension of Dr. Su's license was lifted subject to the limitations recited above. On March 5, 2010, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Su guilty of violating NRS 630.301(4) (3 counts), NRS 630.306(2)(1) (1 count), NRS 630.306(2)(a) (1 count), NRS 630.301(7) (1 count) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) fine of \$4,500; (3) stayed revocation of license contingent upon compliance with terms and conditions of probation: he will immediately cease to perform medical or surgical procedures of a cosmetic or plastic surgical nature, will not perform these types of procedures, nor delegate performance of these types of procedures to anyone who would be authorized under his authority as a licensee, nor associate with or otherwise participate in a practice with another practitioner who would perform these types of procedures until further order of the Board; and he will not petition the Board for modification of this condition for 18 months; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

THALGOTT, John, M.D. (5357)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Knowingly and purposefully misrepresented his professional medical opinion during a sworn deposition and later acknowledged this deceitful and disreputable conduct during his sworn testimony in a United States District Court proceeding.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute]; one count of violation of NRS 630.306(2)(a) [engaging in conduct which is intended to deceive].

Disposition: On March 5, 2010, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Thalgott guilty of violating NRS 630.301(9) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) \$5,000 donation to a charity to be mutually agreed to between Dr. Thalgott and the Board; (2) provide proof he attended 6 hours CME on the issue of medical ethics in fiscal years 2008-2009, which were in addition to any other CME required as a condition of licensure; (3) pay the sum of \$9,500 to defray the costs incurred by the Board in this matter.

VENGER, Benjamin, M.D. (5573)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Accepted payment from an intermediary in 2003 which exceeded the non-surgical work product performed and testified untruthfully in a civil matter that same year.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(7) [engaging in conduct that violates the trust of a patient and exploits the relationship between the physician and the patient for financial or other personal gain] one count of violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute].

Disposition: On May 14, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Venger guilty of violating NRS 630.301(9) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) suspension of license, stayed contingent upon compliance with terms of 36 months' probation; (2) public reprimand; (3) engage in outpatient therapy on an as-needed basis as determined by the therapist during the probationary period; (4) fine of \$5,000; (5) perform 805 hours of community service to patients who are residents of Clark County; (6)

continue to assist U.S. Attorney's Office in its investigation and prosecution; (7) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

WESTFIELD, Kenneth, M.D. (3953)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Malpractice related to Dr. Westfield's care of a patient.

Charges: Two counts of violation of NRS 630.301(4) [failure to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in providing care or treatment to a patient].

Disposition: On March 5, 2010, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Westfield guilty of violating NRS 630.301(4) (1 count) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) fine of \$2,000; (2) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

YEH, Yun, M.D. (8342)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Pending criminal investigation of Dr. Yeh by the state of Arizona for allegedly writing illegal drug prescriptions for patients at a clinic he operated in Mohave County, Arizona

Disposition: On October 6, 2009, the Investigative Committee of the Board filed a Consent Agreement for Revocation of License to Practice Medicine in the state of Nevada and entered the following discipline against Dr. Yeh: (1) revocation of medical license; (2) Dr. Yeh prohibited from ever reapplying for medical licensure in Nevada; (3) reimbursement of \$2,000 of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

ZARKA, Koussay, M.D. (3864)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Failed to maintain timely, legible accurate and complete medical records related to prescriptions issued to two patients.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.306(2)(1) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records].

Disposition: On November 6, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr. Zarka guilty of violating NRS 630.3062(1) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) fine of \$5,000; (3) 10 hours of CME on the topic of medical record keeping; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

ZASLOW, Ely, M.D. (12451)

Asheville, North Carolina

Summary: Stayed suspension of Dr. Zaslow's medical license in North Carolina.

Charges: One count of violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken by another state against his medical license].

Disposition: On May 8, 2009, the Board accepted a Stipulation for Settlement by which it found Dr.

Zaslow guilty of violating NRS 630.301(3) and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) comply with terms of probation in North Carolina; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs of investigation and prosecution.

PUBLIC REPRIMANDS ORDERED BY THE BOARD

ADRIAN ADRIAN, M.D.

September 4, 2009

Adrian Adrian, M.D.
10030 Liberty View Road
Las Vegas, NV 89148

Dr. Adrian:

On August 7, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 09-30321-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as follows: that the disciplinary action related to your license to practice medicine in the state of California was a violation of Nevada Revised Statute 630.301(3). As a result, you are to be publicly reprimanded and your practice will be constrained by the terms enunciated in the Settlement Agreement. Further, you are obligated to reimburse the Board for the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case in an amount of \$3,471.45. These costs are to be paid to the Board within sixty (60) days of the entry of the Board's Order.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

ADEKUNDLE AJAYI, M.D.

August 10, 2009

Adekundle Ajayi, M.D.
6115 W. Harmon Ave., #40
Las Vegas, NV 89103

Dr. Ajayi:

On August 7, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) addressed the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 08-28519-1.

After adjudication of the matter, a related Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order found that in treating the patient at issue, you failed to use the reasonable knowledge, skill, and expertise ordinarily used in similar circumstances, and therefore your

conduct was a violation of NRS 630.301(4), that you are to be publicly reprimanded, and you shall reimburse the Board for the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case in an amount of \$12,978.97. The aforementioned costs are to be paid to the Board within sixty (60) days of the entry of the Order.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

JANET ALBRIGHT, M.D.

September 1, 2009

Janet Albright, M.D.
1500 E. Second Street, Suite 206
Reno, NV 89502

Dr. Albright:

On August 7, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement

proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 09-8180-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as follows: In treating the patient at issue, you failed to use the reasonable knowledge, skill, and expertise ordinarily used in similar circumstances, and therefore your conduct was a violation of NRS 630.301(4), that you are to be publicly reprimanded, and you shall reimburse the Board for the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case in an amount of \$2,029.71. The aforementioned costs are to be paid to the Board within sixty (60) days of the entry of the Order.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

AZBER ANSAR, M.D.

November 17, 2009

Azber Ansar, M.D.
P.O. Box 111097
St. Paul, MN 55111-1097

Dr. Ansar:

On November 6, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal

complaint filed against you regarding case number 08-25112-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as follows: that the previous licensure modification action by the California Medical Board was a violation of NRS 630.301(3). As a result, you are to be issued a formal written public letter of reprimand, fined in the amount of \$500.00, and you agree to pay the aforementioned fine and the costs of investigation and prosecution of this matter, which are now in the current amount of \$863.73, plus any additional costs that may be accrued subsequent in the disposition of this matter, within sixty (60) days of acceptance, adoption and approval of this Agreement by the Board.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

TIMOTHY BELL, M.D.

March 15, 2010

Timothy Bell, M.D.
4241 Long Beach Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90807

Dr. Bell:

On March 5, 2010, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 09-12922-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as follows: that the previous disciplinary action related to your Colorado medical license was a violation of Nevada Revised Statute 630.301(3), that you shall be publicly reprimanded, and that Respondent shall reimburse the Board the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case, that amount currently being \$521.56. The aforementioned costs are to be paid to the Board within sixty (60) days of the acceptance, adoption and approval of this Agreement by the Board.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

VANESSA BENES, P.A.-C

September 2, 2009

Vanessa Benes, P.A.-C
12132 Vista Linda Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89138-5008

Dear Ms. Benes:

On August 7, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners found you committed two (2) violations of the Medical Practice Act of the state of Nevada, more specifically:

That you committed two violations of NAC 630.380(1)(f), malpractice as defined by NAC 630.040, when you failed to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under

similar circumstances in your care and treatment of the patient at issue in this matter when you failed to perform a visual acuity examination and when you failed to order a computerized tomography of the patient's orbital region when you saw the patient in the emergency room of Valley Hospital.

As a result of their finding that you violated the Medical Practice Act of the state of Nevada, the Board entered its **ORDER** as follows: That you be issued a public reprimand; that you shall complete six (6) credits of continuing medical education regarding your focus of practice, said credits to be pre-approved by the Investigative Committee Chair and to be completed within twelve (12) months; and that you shall reimburse the Board the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter in the amount of \$3,034.94, to be paid within one hundred and eighty (180) days.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as Secretary-Treasurer of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought personal and professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Renee West
Secretary-Treasurer
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

ELADIO CARRERA, M.D.

July 16, 2009

Eladio Carrera, M.D.
5915 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 105
Las Vegas, NV 89118

Dear Dr. Carrera:

On July 1, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners found you **guilty** of three (3) violations of the Medical Practice Act of the State of Nevada, more specifically:

That you committed three violations of NRS 630.301(9) when you engaged in conduct that brought the medical profession into disrepute, specifically that you practiced medicine at Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada (ECSN), a facility in which you had a financial and ownership interest but at which you had no ability to know, change, or improve the operations, policies and procedures which you knew or should have known could create potentially unsafe conditions for patients of ECSN. The operations, pace, policies and procedure at ECSN resulted in three patients contracting hepatitis C.

As a result of their finding of **guilty**, the Board entered its **ORDER** as follows: That you shall be placed on twenty four months of probation with conditions, those conditions being that you will receive a public reprimand; that you will pay a \$5,000 fine for each count, totaling \$15,000; that you will not participate in any practice of gastroenterology without an appropriate level of control regarding practices and policies which affect patients; that you shall agree to testify truthfully as a fact witness at Board disciplinary hearings regarding matters pertaining to the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada; that you shall

reimburse the Board reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case and that you shall pay reasonable costs of monitoring your probation.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as Secretary-Treasurer of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought personal and professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Renee West
Secretary-Treasurer
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

ALBERT COOK, M.D.

May 12, 2009

Albert Cook, M.D.
1856 NE Carson Way
Bend, OR 97701

Dr. Cook:

On May 8, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 08-4854-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as follows: that the stayed revocation of your California medical license was a violation of Nevada Revised Statute 630.301(3). As a result, your Nevada medical license is revoked, with the revocation stayed and placed in probationary status until March 25, 2011, you are to be publicly reprimanded, you are to continue to

comply with all terms and conditions set forth by the California Medical Board in its April 25, 2008 decision, and you shall reimburse the Board for the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case in an amount of \$1,547.72. The aforementioned costs are to be paid to the Board within sixty days of the entry of the Board's Order.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

TROY EDEN, P.A.-C

November 17, 2009

Troy Eden, P.A.-C
845 Railroad Street
Elko, NV 89801

Mr. Eden:

On November 6, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners found you committed one (1) violation of the Medical Practice Act of the state of Nevada, more specifically:

That you committed one violation of NAC 630.380(1)(m) and NRS 630.304(4), signing a blank prescription form, when you signed sheets of multiple prescription forms which were left blank.

As a result of their finding that you violated the Medical Practice Act of the state of Nevada, the Board entered its **ORDER** as follows: That you be issued a public reprimand,

that you pay a fine of \$1,000 and that you shall reimburse the Board the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter in the amount of \$1,039.45, both the fine and costs to be paid within ninety days.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought personal and professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

CARLOS ERMOCILLA, M.D.

August 31, 2009

Carlos Ermocilla, M.D.
HMC Medical Center
150 East Harmon Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Dear Dr. Ermocilla:

On August 7, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners found you committed one (1) violation of the Medical Practice Act of the state of Nevada, more specifically:

That you committed one violation of NRS 630.301(4), malpractice as defined by NAC 630.040, when you failed to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances in your care and treatment of the patient at issue in this matter when you failed to recognize that the patient was acutely ill and seek emergency medical care for until she had gone into cardiac arrest.

As a result of their finding that you violated the Medical Practice Act of the state of Nevada, the Board entered its **ORDER** as follows: That you be issued a public reprimand and that you shall reimburse the Board the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter in the amount of \$9,351.29, to be paid within sixty days.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as Vice President of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought personal and professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D.
Vice President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

RONALD FOOTE, M.D.

September 3, 2009

Ronald H. Foote, M.D.
2320 Paseo Del Prado, Bldg. B, #207
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Dr. Foote:

On August 7, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 08-12899-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** indicating that you have violated Nevada's Medical Practice Act by obtaining, maintaining or renewing a license by false, misleading, inaccurate

or incomplete statement, a violation of NRS 630.304(1), that your license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada shall be suspended for a term of one year, with that suspension stayed with the condition that you obey all laws and regulations during the stayed suspension. Further, that you are to be publicly reprimanded, and that you will be fined in the amount of \$2,500.00. Moreover, you shall reimburse the Board for the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case in an amount of \$4,606.66. The aforementioned costs and fine are to be paid to the Board within sixty (60) days of the entry of the Order.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

TIMOTHY HAMILTON, M.D.

March 15, 2010

Timothy Hamilton, M.D.
1701 N. Green Valley Pkwy., Ste. 5-C
Henderson, NV 89074

Dr. Hamilton:

On March 5, 2010, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 09-32628-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as

follows: that the previous disciplinary action related to your Texas medical license was a violation of Nevada Revised Statute 630.301(3), that you are to be publicly reprimanded, that you are fined in the amount of \$1,000.00, and that you shall reimburse the Board the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter, that amount currently being \$1,110.87. You are to pay the aforementioned fine and costs to the Board within sixty (60) days of the acceptance, adoption and approval of the Agreement by the Board.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

RODNEY HANDSFIELD, M.D.

September 3, 2009

Rodney Handsfield, M.D.
1130 S. Clifton Ave.
Wichita, KS 67218

Dr. Handsfield:

On August 7, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 08-9489-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as follows: that the disciplinary action

related to your license to practice medicine in the state of Kansas was a violation of Nevada Revised Statute 630.301(3). As a result, you are to be publicly reprimanded and fined in the amount of \$1,000.00. Further, you are obligated to reimburse the Board for the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case in an amount of \$1,713.61. These costs and fine are to be paid to the Board within sixty (60) days of the entry of the Board's Order.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

ANAMIKA JAIN, M.D.

June 4, 2009

Anamika Jain, M.D.
300 Queensridge Court
Las Vegas, NV 89145

Dear Dr. Jain:

On May 8, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners found you **guilty** of one (1) violation of the Medical Practice Act of the State of Nevada, more specifically:

That you committed a violation of NRS 630.306(2)(b) when you engaged in conduct that was a violation of a standard of practice established by regulation of the Board when you failed to provide adequate supervision of the medical assistants/technicians at Valley Eye Center, a violation of NAC 630.230(1)(i).

As a result of their finding of **guilty**, the Board entered its **ORDER** as follows: That your license to practice medicine be suspended for a period of one year with credit for the time your license has been enjoined by the Eighth Judicial District Court of Nevada, specifically November 14, 2008, and that subsequently you shall be placed on probation for a period of three years with the conditions that during the probationary period you commit no violation of the Medical Practice Act; that you complete a continuing medical education course in ethics; that you receive a public reprimand; and that you reimburse the Board's costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case within one year.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as Presiding Officer of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought personal and professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Javaid Anwar, M.D.
Presiding Officer
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

MUZAFFAR KIRMANI, M.D.

March 15, 2010

Muzaffar Kirmani, M.D.
601 Rancho Drive, #31-D
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Dr. Kirmani:

On March 5, 2010, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed

against you regarding case number 09-10129-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as follows: In treating the patient at issue, your associated medical record keeping was both inaccurate and incomplete and therefore a violation of NRS 630.3062(1), that you are to be publicly reprimanded, that within one year of the date of the entry of the acceptance of the Settlement Agreement, you shall complete ten (10) hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) regarding the subject of medical record keeping, which are to be approved by the Investigative Committee Chairman in advance of their accomplishment. These CME's are to be in addition to any CME requirements which are regularly imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the state of Nevada. Further, you shall reimburse the Board for the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case in an amount of \$4,364.98. The aforementioned fine and costs are to be paid to the Board within sixty (60) days of the entry of the Board's Order.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

CHARLES MAHAKIAN, M.D.

November 17, 2009

Charles Mahakian, M.D.
6853-B West Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89117

Dr. Mahakian:

On November 6, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners found you committed two (2) violations of the Medical Practice Act of the state of Nevada, more specifically:

That you committed one violation of NRS 630.306(2)(c), engaging in conduct which is in violation of a regulation adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy, specifically, that you prescribed multiple medications to an individual with whom you did not have a bona fide therapeutic relationship, a violation of NAC 639.945(1)(o). Also, that you committed one violation of NRS 630.3062(1), failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient when you failed to keep any medical records related to the individual for whom you prescribed multiple controlled substances between July 2006 and August 2008.

As a result of their finding that you violated the Medical Practice Act of the state of Nevada, the Board entered its **ORDER** as follows: That you be issued a public reprimand, that you complete a course of continuing medical education on the topic of ethics, that you pay a fine of \$3,000 and that you shall reimburse the Board the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter in the amount of \$962.86, both the fine and costs to be paid within sixty days.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as Secretary-Treasurer of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought personal and professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Renee West
Secretary-Treasurer
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

MARIBEL MONROE, M.D.

September 2, 2009

Maribel Monroe, M.D.
3150 N. Tenaya Way, Suite 590
Las Vegas, NV 89128

Dr. Monroe:

On August 7, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 08-12142-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as follows: In treating the patient at issue, you failed to use the reasonable knowledge, skill, and expertise ordinarily used in similar circumstances, and therefore your conduct was a violation of NRS 630.301(4), that you are to be publicly reprimanded, and you shall reimburse the Board for the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case in an amount of \$4,846.98. The aforementioned costs are to be paid to the Board within ninety (90) days of the entry of the Order.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

JAMES OKOH, M.D.

March 15, 2010

James Okoh, M.D.
11995 Singletree Lane, Suite 500
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Dear Dr. Okoh:

On March 5, 2010, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners found you **guilty** of one (1) violation of the Medical Practice Act of the state of Nevada, more specifically:

That you committed a violation of NRS 630.301(3) when disciplinary action was taken against your license to practice medicine by the Florida Department of Health regarding a wrong site procedure.

As a result of their finding of **guilty**, the Board entered its **ORDER** as follows: That you be issued a public reprimand; that you pay a fine of \$2,000 within 60 days of the Board Order; and that you shall reimburse the Board the reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter in the amount of \$316.15 within 60 days of the Board Order.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought

personal and professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

DOUGLAS ROSS, M.D.

August 10, 2009

Douglas Ross, M.D.
65 Fountainhead Circle
Henderson, NV 89052

Dr. Ross:

On August 7, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 07-18619-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as follows: In treating the patient at issue, your associated medical record keeping was incomplete and lacking proper informed consent and therefore a violation of NRS 630.3062, that you are to be publicly reprimanded, and that within one year of the date of the entry of the acceptance of Settlement Agreement, you shall complete twelve (12) hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) regarding the subject of medical record keeping or a substantially similar subject, which are to be approved by the Investigative Committee Chairman in advance of their accomplishment. These CME's are to be in addition to any CME requirements which are regularly imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the state of

Nevada. Further, you shall reimburse the Board for the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case an amount of \$4,784.97. The aforementioned costs are to be paid to the Board within sixty (60) days of the entry of the Order.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

SEAN PHONG-QUOC SU, M.D.

March 15, 2010

Sean Phong-Quoc Su, M.D.
2451 Professional Court, #110
Las Vegas, NV 89128

Dr. Su:

On March 5, 2010, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 09-11344-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as follows: that you are guilty of three counts of malpractice, violations of NRS 630.301(4), which are related to Counts I, II, and III in the underlying complaint, that you are guilty of one count of failure to maintain accurate medical records, a violation of NRS 630.3062(1), and which is Count IV in the underlying complaint, that you are guilty of one count of engaging in

conduct which is intended to deceive, a violation of NRS 630.306(2)(a), and which is related to Count V of the underlying complaint, that you are guilty of one count of engaging in conduct which violates the trust of and exploits the relationship between the physician and the patient for financial or other personal gain, a violation of NRS 630.301(7), and which is related to Count VI of the underlying complaint.

As a result, your license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada shall be revoked, with that revocation stayed and that you are placed on probation with an obligation to comply with the following terms and conditions:

(a) That Respondent agrees that the Board shall have unfettered access to Respondent's medical records, and agrees that they may be inspected randomly and unannounced to him, for a period of twenty-four (24) months after the approval and adoption of this Agreement to ensure that Respondent's subsequent treatment protocols are consistent with Nevada statutes and regulations.

(b) That Respondent will be responsible for the costs involved in this on-going administrative oversight and shall reimburse the Board within thirty (30) days of a request for reimbursement of the same.

Additionally, you are to immediately cease performing any medical or surgical procedures that are of a cosmetic or plastic surgical nature, and you will not perform any of these types of procedures, nor delegate the performance of these types of procedures to another who would be authorized under his authority as a licensee, nor associate with or otherwise participate in a practice with another practitioner who would perform any of these types of procedures until further

order of the Board. Further, you will not petition the Board for a modification of this specific stated condition of settlement until eighteen (18) months after the date of the approval and adoption of the Settlement Agreement. And, even with successful completion of the probationary terms during these eighteen (18) months, you may thereafter only petition the Board to perform limited cosmetic procedures which include the administration of Botox, dermal fillers, laser hair removal, Intense Pulsed Light therapy, and/or other minor non-invasive cosmetic procedures at the Board's discretion, and will not delegate the performance of procedures to another who would be authorized under your authority as a licensee or associate with or otherwise participate in a practice with another practitioner who would perform any other types of cosmetic procedures, beyond the ones described in this paragraph.

Finally, you are to be publicly reprimanded. You are to be fined in the amount of \$4,500.00 and are to pay the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case, the amount being \$25,120.71. You shall pay the aforementioned fine and costs, within twenty-four (24) months of the approval and adoption of this Agreement.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

BENJAMIN VENGER, M.D.

May 18, 2009

Benjamin Venger, M.D.
c/o Kathleen Janssen, Esq.
3883 Howard Hughes Parkway,
Suite 1100
Las Vegas, NV 89169

Dr. Venger:

On May 14, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 08-9819-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as follows: that your acceptance of payment from an intermediary in 2003 which exceeded the non-surgical work product performed and your untruthful testimony in a civil matter in that same year was a violation of NRS 630.301(9), or engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute. As a result, your license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada shall be suspended, with the suspension stayed and you are placed on probation for 36 months and must comply with the following terms and conditions: 1) you shall be issued a formal written public letter of reprimand; 2) you shall be fined in the amount of \$5,000.00; 3) you shall continue to engage in individual outpatient therapy on an as-needed basis to be determined by your therapist throughout your probationary period; 4) in accordance with the Community Service Proposal incorporated into the accepted Settlement Agreement, you shall complete 805 hours of clinical and administrative community service; 5) you shall continue to assist the United

States Attorney's Office in its investigation and prosecution to the extent which you have agreed; and 6) you agree to pay the aforementioned fine and the costs of investigation and prosecution of this matter, currently in the amount of \$12,375.92, plus any additional costs that may be accrued subsequent in the disposition of this matter, to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners within 60 days of the Settlement Agreement.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

KOUSSAY ZARKA, M.D.

November 17, 2009

Koussay Zarka, M.D.
2940 East Picasso Circle
Las Vegas, NV 89121

Dr. Zarka:

On November 6, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 09-5622-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as follows: that in treating the patients referenced in the underlying compliant, your associated medical record keeping was a violation of NRS 630.3062(1). As a result, you are to be issued a formal written

public letter of reprimand, to be fined in the amount of \$5,000, to complete ten hours of continuing medical education related to medical record keeping, which are in addition to your regular continuing medical education requirements of licensure, and to pay the aforementioned fine and the costs of investigation and prosecution of this matter, which are now in the current amount of \$2,847.55, plus any additional costs that may be accrued subsequent in the disposition of this matter, within sixty (60) days of acceptance, adoption and approval of this Agreement by the Board.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

ELY ZASLOW, M.D.

May 12, 2009

Ely Zaslow, M.D.
128 Hawk Ridge
Ashville, NC 28804

Dr. Zaslow:

On May 8, 2009, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement proposed between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal complaint filed against you regarding case number 09-32802-1.

In accordance with their acceptance, the Board has entered an **ORDER** as follows: that the disciplinary action

related to your license to practice medicine in the state of North Carolina was a violation of Nevada Revised Statute 630.301(3). As a result, you are to be publicly reprimanded. Additionally, you are obligated to reimburse the Board for the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case in an amount of \$1,141.53. These costs are to be paid to the Board within sixty days of the entry of the Board's Order.

Accordingly, it is my unpleasant duty as President of the Board to formally and publicly reprimand you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you and which also reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Held, M.D.
President
Nevada State Board of Medical
Examiners

IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF ADDRESS CHANGE, PRACTICE CLOSURE AND LOCATION OF RECORDS

Pursuant to NRS 630.254, all licensees of the Board are required to "maintain a permanent mailing address with the Board to which all communications from the Board to the licensee must be sent." A licensee must notify the Board in writing of a change of permanent mailing address within 30 days after the change. Failure to do so may result in imposition of a fine or initiation of disciplinary proceedings against the licensee.

Please keep in mind that the address you provide will be viewable by the public on the Board's website.

Additionally, if you close your practice in Nevada, you are required to notify the Board in writing within 14 days after the closure and for a period of 5 years thereafter, keep the Board apprised of the location of the medical records of your patients.